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MASS OF THANKSGIVING.
Peoria Churches Rejoice at Bishop Spalding's Improvement.
Peoria, Ill., April 11.—High mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral in this city, to-morrow, in thanksgiving for the improved condition of Bishop Spalding, now at Hot Springs.
Reports from those received to-day indicate that the distinguished patient is very much improved, indeed.
The mass will be held at the request of the local chapter of Knights of Columbus.

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INSURANCE AGENTS APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

REPRESENTS SPECIAL

Springfield, Ill., April 11.—Representatives of fire and liability insurance companies appeared before the House Committee on Insurance to-day and argued in opposition to the passage of a bill requiring insurance companies to pay such a liability premium on the destruction of property.

It was argued that to exact such a liability would be to put a premium on crime, offering an incentive for the destruction of property. It was pointed out that insurance rates in Missouri have doubled and that in other portions of the country. In the State has decreased from fifty to five or six since such a law became effective. Action on the bill was delayed until Thursday.

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reply to the Minister's proposition to submit the issues between the United States and Venezuela to arbitration.

It has been decided that there is no urgency to the matter, and unless something unexpected occurs in Venezuela, the reply will be allowed to remain for the consideration of the Cabinet at the conclusion of President Roosevelt's Western trip.

Meanwhile, the State Department officials decline to throw any light on the character of the language used by President Castro in his reply.

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